appointments in the Home Guards, the reservation policy of the Government is being followed. For Home Guard volunteers there is no such reservation as they are not considered employees.

(b) During the year 1992, 1566 Home Guards volunteers (and not 200) were discharged and 1748 were enrolled afresh in Delhi for voluntary service. Under the provisions of the Home Guards Act, services of Home Guards volunteers can be availed of for a term of three years. Services of Home Guards can be dispensed with at any time if the volunteer is not found suitable.

(c) A discharged Home Guard volunteer can be re-enrolled subsequently if otherwise considered suitable.

Special Task Force on Bombay Blasts Case

1173. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI
SHRI IQBAL SINGH

Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the progress made in the Bombay Blasts Case;

(b) whether Government propose to set up a Special Task Force (STF) to investigate the case;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what would be the position of Bombay Police in the proposed Special Task Force ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (d) 142 persons have been arrested and 23 cases have been registered. A Task Force comprising Senior Officers of CBI and Central Intelligence Agencies has been set up to assist the ongoing investigations by Bombay Police. Maharashtra Govt. have reported that the investigations are likely to be completed by the third week of August, 1993.

Agreement with Israel to meet Problem of Terrorism

1174. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Israel have signed an agreement with which Israel will help India in meeting the problem of terrorism in India;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) what is the extent to which Israel has agreed to help India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Traffic Hazard at Shantiniketan, Delhi

1175. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the residents of Shantiniketan, New Delhi-21 (a colony of the Government Servants Co-operative House Building Society Ltd., Vasant Vihar, New Delhi) submitted a representation to the Lt. Governor, Delhi on the 27th February, 1993 highlighting the chaotic state of affairs created by the parking of more than dozen private buses hired by the Sadhu Vaswani Mission School on Street No. 2, where there is high density of traffic already—thrice a day (twice in the morning and once in the afternoon);

(b) whether the School Authorities have marked slots on the footpaths in front of the houses on Street No. 2 for parking these buses;

(c) whether apart from causing traffic hazards, these buses pose grave pollution and environmental hazards to the residents involved; and

(d) if so, what are the difficulties and which lie in the way of the Traffic Police in having these buses parked on the extreme left hand side of Street No 5, which is a wider road with lesser traffic ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) The Office of the Lt. Governor, Delhi, has intimated that no letter appears to have been received at Raj Niwas on 27-2-93 from the residents of Shantiniketan, New Delhi, regarding traffic hazard at Shantiniketan.

(b) Yes, Sir. The School authorities have marked slots for 14 buses on the pavement.

(c) The Delhi Police has reported that the traffic is thin during mornings and afternoons when the students alight and board the buses. The parking of the buses does not cause any traffic or environmental hazard.

(d) The residents are opposed to the parking